

Supervisor Gloria Molina's Remarks as Chair of the Board for 2005

This is my third opportunity to serve as Chair of the Board of Supervisors. I thank my colleagues and my constituents for the opportunity. I understand the role of Chair as facilitator of the Board agenda. As usual, the agenda for the coming year will be challenging in many respects. While we have successfully managed our fiscal operations during the past year, our future—as always—rests in the hands of the state Legislature. I appreciate the guidance provided by Chief Administrative Officer David Janssen but it has been a collective decision of the Board of Supervisors to manage our fiscal affairs in a prudent, responsible manner.



The County ended last year with a surplus and survived by setting aside the dollars necessary to honor our responsibility to the state. This year, we will need to engage our legislative leaders on fiscal issues and to remind them of responsibilities and mandates on a local level. We hope that the new legislative leadership will work with us and involve us as they meet the challenge of the state's fiscal deficit. We will, as always, develop a strong legislative agenda to preserve and protect the many programs and entitlements that are essential to the well-being of our 10 million residents. And we will, as usual, make our way to Sacramento not just once but as often as necessary to communicate our goals and our responsibilities.

While our dilemma with King-Drew hospital has been making serious headlines, we will continue to work closely with Dr. Thomas L. Garthwaite of the Department of Health Services to get our management arms around this important facility. Frankly, the crisis at King-Drew pales in comparison to the fact that we may not be able to sustain our entire public health system of clinics and hospitals. Our federal waiver will expire this year and the chances of renewal are bleak.

This does not mean we will not struggle with our state and federal leaders to convince them of the significance of the waiver and we have been able to

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Employee of the Month Health Services' Frederick Schwamb

Frederick Schwamb has worked for the County of Los Angeles for over seven years and is currently a Senior Clinical Social Worker for the Social Services Division of the Department of Health Services at ValleyCare Olive View-UCLA Medical Center. As a Senior Clinical Social Worker, Frederick provides psychological assessment and treatment to both inpatients and outpatients. His area of specialty is working with patients with the HIV virus or AIDS, and their families.

Prior to moving to California, he was a licensed psychiatric social worker at a state hospital in New York for 17 years. This experience has been helpful in understanding his patients.

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Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden 301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia 91007

For a list of seminars, work shops and classes, please visit www.arboretum.org or call (626) 821-4623.

Los Angeles County Museum of Art 5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90036 (323) 857-6000

www.lacma.org

Through Jan 30 – Luxury Textiles East and West:
Opulent Interiors

Through Apr 3 – The Arts & Crafts Movement in Europe and America, 1880-1920: Design for the Modern World

Music Center

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www.musiccenter.org

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

Jan 22-Feb 13 – *Aida* (Giuseppe Verdi)

Jan 29-Feb 20 – *Romeo et Juliette* (Charles Gounod)

Walt Disney Concert Hall

151 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

Jan 28 – Recital: Leif Ove Andsnes

Jan 29 – Toyota Symphony for Youth (11 a.m.)

Jan 29 – Jazz Mass (8 p.m.)

Feb 6 – Gurrelieder (2 p.m.)

Feb 6 – American Youth Symphony (7:30 p.m.)

Feb 8 – Chamber Music (Brahms & Faure)

Feb 10-11 – 3 x Salonen – Wing on Wing

Feb 12-12 – 3 x Salonen – Mania

Feb 14 – Green Umbrella: Debussy Project Marathon

Feb 17-20 – Midori Plays Beethoven

Feb 20 – Organ Recital: Martin Haselblock (7:30 p.m.)

Feb 22 – Chamber Music (Brahms)

Feb 24-25 – 3 x Salonen – Insomnia

Feb 25 – Philharmonic Baroque Orchestra (8 p.m.)

Feb 26 – Masters of Persian Music

Feb 27 – YMF Debut Orchestra

Feb 28 – Recital: Pierre-Laurent Aimard

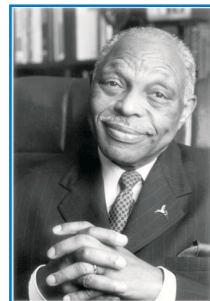
Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles

(213) 763-3466

www.nhm.org

Feb 20 – Conversations: Making Connections to the Past, Present and Future

Rev. Cecil Murray to Receive “Living Black History” Award on February 24



The Board of Supervisors and the African American Heritage Committee will present the third annual celebration of Black History Month on Thursday, February 24, 10 a.m., in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 500 W. Temple St., in downtown Los Angeles.

There is no admission charge and all County employees are invited. The theme is “Black America Speaks.”

Rev. Cecil Murray, retired pastor of First AME Church, will receive the “Living Black History” award for his dedication to the ministry and commitment to improving the community surrounding the church.

Musical selections will be performed by Sweet Harmony, the Civic Center Choir and the International Christian Church Choir, whose members are predominantly from the African country of Nigeria. Pastor Oladipo Kalejaiye will give the African libation (blessing).

Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair of the Board, is Honorary Chair of the Black History Month celebration. Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke and Executive Officer Violet Varona-Lukens are the co-chairs. Furnell Chatman, anchor-reporter of KNBC-TV, is the master of ceremony.

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Supervisor Burke is Sworn in for Fourth Term

More than 600 guests gathered in the Grand Hall of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion to witness the swearing-in ceremony of Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke for her fourth term of office. There were numerous elected officials in the audience, including Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Sheriff Lee Baca, District Attorney Steve Cooley, Treasurer and Tax Collector Mark Saladino, and Los Angeles City Councilmen Bernard Parks and Martin Ludlow.

The Honorable Herb Wesson, former Speaker of the Assembly and Master of Ceremonies, opened the program at 9:30 a.m. This was followed with a prelude by the Washington Preparatory High School Music Magnet Jazz Band, and an invocation by Monsignor David O'Connell of St. Michael's Catholic Church. The Dorsey Magnet School Police Academy Color Guard posted the colors. Record-setting Aviation Explorer pilots Jimmy Haywood, 11 years old, and Kenny Roy, 14 years old, led the Pledge of Allegiance. The two youths were honored by Supervisor Burke last October at a Board of Supervisors meeting for successfully piloting a Cessna-172 single engine plane from Compton to Vancouver, British Columbia in Canada, and back.



As Supervisor Burke repeated the oath of office read to her by Justice Candace Cooper, she was flanked by family members (left to right) Christine Burke, stepdaughter; son-in-law, Craig Collins (partially hidden by Justice Cooper); daughter Autumn Burke; and husband Bill Burke.

Tips to Survive in 2005: Understanding Terrorism

Terrorism is the illegal use of force or violence to create fear and panic or to advance political or social goals. Much of the fear caused by terrorism, or the threat of it, is based on the uncertainty of when it will occur and whether or not our loved ones, friends, or we will be injured. We may feel we have no control over our fate.

Preparing for terrorist attacks is the same as preparing for earthquakes, fire and other emergencies. We have a role in reducing the impact of terrorism on our lives.

Do the following now to increase your safety and survival:

- Develop a family disaster plan.
- Learn basic first aid and CPR.
- Update your emergency kit.
- Know where fire exits and fire extinguishers are located.
- Use caution when you travel.
- Report suspicious activity to authorities.
- Check on the school emergency plan for your children.

For more information on the Emergency Survival Program (ESP), go to www.espfocus.org or contact your local Office of Emergency Services.

Lauren Michelle Perry sang the national anthem a cappella in a clear soprano voice. She was followed by Charles Turner, III, a tenor, who sang "The Impossible Dream," one of Supervisor Burke's favorite songs. The young singers and Turner's accompanist, Otto Ehling, are students at the Hamilton Academy of Music.

The Supervisor then presented a 12-minute video documentary on her life and achievements, produced by her office and co-producer Larry Morris. Theme music for the video was "Pastel Moods," composed and performed by Kevin Toney.

The Honorable Candace Cooper, Presiding Justice, Division 8, Second Appellate District, State of California, administered the Oath of Office. In her response,

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RETIREES

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 30 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/WEIGHTS & MEASURES:

Ken M. Ball, Dennis J. Reppel

ASSESSOR: James C. Mullins III

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE: Mary J. Mogck

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES: Sheila A. Evans

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Gretchen Berg, Allan S. Tyson

FIRE: Eric E. Ekeberg, Michael R. Groscup, Larry Hambleton, Scott Linkletter, Pete Morales Jr., Ronald J. Nixt, Jose A. Puentes

HEALTH SERVICES: Joan C. Baczowski, Bruce A. Cristol, Randal E. Duck, Julie A. Edwards, Joyclyn L. Johnson, Inhee C. Park, Frances C. Riggs, Susan E. Samarin, Patricia Soto

INTERNAL SERVICES: John B. Sanders, Sarah L. Thornton-Tho

MENTAL HEALTH: Evelyn Brown, Russell P. Cole, Marcia T. Mindell

PARKS & RECREATION: Michael P. Taylor

PROBATION: Steven M. Busch, Gary Martinez

PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Genevieve M. Anlmi, Barbara J. Brantley, Gale Y. Cummings, Ruby L. Daniels, Barbara J. Davis, Joy K. Goff, Erlinda Hernandez, Gracie M. Hood, Gloria S. Magalad, Donald E. Mason, Ernestine Robles
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SUPERIOR COURT: Annette V. Majchrzak, Pamela J. Quentin, Brenda J. Wilson

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 25 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Frank G. Mendibles

FIRE: Craig W. Compton, Ollie L. Linson

HEALTH SERVICES: Gerald R. Cernik, Sandra J. Meriwether

PROBATION: Donna Coomes, Carolyn Y. Moore

PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Mary L. Baldini, Mariano M. Baldoz, Cecilia F. Cisneros, Maria L. Degroot, and Jacqueline Justiss

SHERIFF: William C. Carneal, Frank Konrad, Arlene Layman, Carol A. Muhammad, Leslie W. Robbins

SUPERIOR COURT: Diane Tschekaloff

TREASURER & TAX COLLECTOR: Janie S. Satterfield

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His hard work and commitment have made him an integral component of the Infectious Disease Department's program for the care of AIDS patients. "My job centers both on the therapeutic relationships established with the clients and working relationships I have with a multi-disciplined treatment team," Schwamb said.



He is part of a team that sees patients struggling with the problems of substance abuse, economic difficulties, such as homelessness and psychiatric illness. Schwamb works tirelessly to ensure that his patients are provided the best care possible for the remaining days of their lives. Many of his fondest memories, according to Schwamb, have been working with his patients in the last stages of their lives.

Schwamb's most fulfilling aspect of his job is the challenge of establishing relationships with his patients who are real people going through a crisis. He feels that he must take the necessary time to build the bridges of trust and confidence with patients especially when interventions are unwanted. "Years of fostering trust with my patients have paid off rich dividends in terms of the level of their willingness to express their fears and anxious thoughts," Schwamb stated.

Schwamb holds a Bachelor's degree from St. Joseph's College and graduated with his Masters in Social Work from Adelphi University. Currently, he has been working on a Masters of Divinity at The Masters Seminary and will graduate in spring 2005.

Mr. Schwamb and his wife, Doreen, have been married for 23 years. Together they have three children, Michael, 18; Erika, 16; and Joanna, 14. They are all active members of the Placerita Baptist Church.

For such notable dedication and commitment to patient care, we congratulate Frederick Schwamb and wish him well in all future endeavors.

Go Metro to Get Fit

During a fitness rally in downtown Los Angeles, Metro, the American Heart Association, and the Ketchum-Downtown YMCA announced “Metro Fit,” a new fitness awareness campaign that encourages health-conscious Angelenos to incorporate more exercise into their daily schedules by connecting with public transportation. Doing so also allows people to save on gasoline costs – currently near record highs – and gain access to a wealth of Los Angeles destinations available via the Metro Bus and Rail system.

Ways to become “Metro Fit” include walking to and from transit for commuting, utilizing Metro subway steps, discovering local attractions on Metro and on foot and combining bicycling with public transit. “For busy County residents, working the recommended amount of exercise into their daily routines is nearly impossible,” said Roger Snoble, Metro CEO. “Let the Metro system be your own personal trainer. It’s a ready-made par course to help you lose pounds, save money and discover L.A.”

The detrimental effects associated with lack of daily exercise are many, including high blood pressure, stroke, diabetes, obesity and heart attack. Many public health advocates recommend 10,000 steps per day to maintain physical fitness. Public transit is an excellent way to help reach that number, as it requires more walking than Angelenos typically do in a day. There is a Metro stop within a half-mile radius of most residents’ homes in Los Angeles County, so those who choose to use public transportation round-trip can achieve around 2,500 steps – the rough equivalent of one mile – of additional daily walking exercise.

Combining bicycling with public transit is another important component of the Metro Fit campaign. Use of bicycles on the Metro system

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky Attends El Cariso “Holidays in the Park” Celebration

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky (*standing*) joins three County of Los Angeles mounted police officers stopping by for his “Holidays in the Park” program at El Cariso Park in Sylmar. Supervisor Yaroslavsky’s office organizes the annual event in conjunction with the Department of Parks and Recreation and a private support group, Friends of El Cariso Park, to offer a holiday celebration for underprivileged children in Sylmar and the surrounding Northeast San Fernando Valley community.

More than 400 children participated this year, including foster kids under the care of the Department of Children and Family Services.

Thanks in part to the assistance of local businesses, children and their families got their picture taken with Santa and received gifts, stocking stuffers, and donated cooked hams.



Supervisor Yaroslavsky Outlines Van Nuys Civic Center Child Care Center Project Advances



Workers complete the concrete slab for the Van Nuys Civic Center Child Care project, a new facility expected to open in August 2005 to serve the families of employees in various government agencies in the area. The grade beams, foundations and structural slab for the Child Care building have now been poured and completed, finally bringing the project “out of the ground” and into public view. Previously completed aspects of the project - including the necessary grading, earthwork, piping and electrical work - had been underground and invisible. Looking forward, the public will be able to watch the progress as workers complete the framing, sheathing, stucco, windows and doors to erect the building.

ENRICHING LIVES...

Registrar-Recorder Recognizes County Pollworkers



From left to right: Gracia Hillman, Vice Chair Federal Election Assistance Commission; Supervisor Gloria Molina, Adeline Idike, Electoral Commission Representative from Nigeria.



From left to right: Adeline Idike, Electoral Commission Representative from Nigeria; David Janssen, CAO; Gracia Hillman, Vice Chair Federal Election Assistance Commission.



From left to right: Student Pollworkers, Supervisor Gloria Molina, Renee Quinn, Staff Member Supervisor Molina's office and DOTS, Registrar-Recorder Election Mascot.



From left to right: Sara Di Massa, College Pollworker; Saini Ifopo, Pollworker; Faye Shimko, Pollworker; Michael J. Henry, Director of Personnel, Department of Human Resources and DOTS, Registrar-Recorder Election Mascot.



Alexander Veshnyakov, (left) Chairman of the Russian Election Commission, Conny B. McCormack, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk; and DOTS, Election Mascot at the Registrar-Recorder Headquarters on Election night.



County of Los Angeles VISION

Our ***purpose*** is to improve the quality of life in Los Angeles County by providing responsive, efficient and high quality public services that promote the self-sufficiency, well-being and prosperity of individuals, families, businesses and communities.

Our ***philosophy*** of teamwork and collaboration is anchored in our ***shared values***:

- **A can-do attitude** - we approach each challenge believing that, together, a solution can be achieved.
- **Accountability** - we accept responsibility for the decisions we make and the actions we take.
- **Compassion** - we treat those we serve and each other with kind and caring manner.
- **Commitment** - we always go the extra mile to achieve our mission.
- **Integrity** - we act consistent with our values.
- **Professionalism** - we perform to a high standard of excellence.
- **Respect for diversity** - we value the uniqueness of every individual and their perspective.
- **Responsiveness** - we take the action needed in a timely manner.

Our ***position*** as the premier organization for those working in the public interest is established by:

- a capability to undertake programs that have public value;
- an aspiration to be recognized through our achievements as the model for civic innovation; and a pledge to always work to earn the public trust.

extends travel opportunities significantly, allowing people to cover more ground and increase aerobic exercise. Metro Buses include bike racks, and no permits are required to bring bikes onboard Metro trains. Some limits on bikes do apply during rush hours on certain rail lines, but there are no restrictions on weekends and holidays. Several hundred miles of bike paths are available within Los Angeles County, with more planned.

Health-conscious residents can also take the “Metro Stair Climb” utilizing Metro Red Line subway steps to increase heart rates and help improve cardiovascular health. Subway portal steps range from about 60 to 200 steps, with Wilshire/Vermont Metro Red Line Station having the most: 324 steps.

Metro Fit also encourages lunch time and weekend walking tours to discover new areas of the County, including downtown L.A., Pasadena, Hollywood, North Hollywood, Pasadena and Long Beach. Metro’s Art Docent Council, for example, offers the Art’s A Trip docent tour of art at Metro Rail stations. Free two-hour tours the first Saturday and Sunday of every month provide insights into station artwork and the artists who created them. Fitness enthusiasts can walk approximately 3,100 steps on this tour.

A definitive source of cultural destinations available via public transportation in L.A. County can be found at ExperienceLA.com. Here, Metro Fit enthusiasts will find scores of Metro Adventures, complete with maps and Metro Trip Planner, that make discovering Los Angeles cultural destinations on foot a breeze. Neighborhood adventures are available for, among others, Chinatown (2,900 steps), NoHo Arts District (10,000 steps), and Pershing Square (4,250 steps).

The Los Angeles Conservancy, a nonprofit historic preservation organization dedicated to the revitalization of the architectural and cultural heritage of greater Los Angeles as well as other historic communities around the city, provides low-cost, two and a half-hour weekend tours of historic portions of Los Angeles, including Downtown’s Evolving Skyline (2,916 steps), L.A.’s Historic Core (4,525 steps), and Union Station (5,025

Supervisor Antonovich Presides Over Groundbreaking of New Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center

On Thursday, December 2, 2004, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich broke ground for the new Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center, a permanent household hazardous waste collection facility where residents in Lancaster, Palmdale, and Los Angeles County’s unincorporated areas can properly dispose of household hazardous waste, waste tires, and electronic waste, such as old computer monitors, televisions and cell phones.



Pictured from left to right are Palmdale Mayor James C. Ledford, Jr., Lancaster Vice Mayor Bishop Henry W. Hearn, Supervisor Antonovich, and Ray Anderson of Waste Management, Inc.

“This project is a good example of how government and the private sector can work together to bring about positive change, protect our environment and improve the lives of our County citizens,” Supervisor Antonovich said.

The facility is located on a one-acre site provided by Waste Management, Inc. at the Antelope Valley Public Landfill. The project was made possible by a \$700,000 grant from the State of California’s Integrated Waste Management Board, which will be used for engineering, design, and construction costs. The City of Lancaster, the City of Palmdale, and the County will pay for the operation and maintenance costs, and the center will be operated jointly by Waste Management, Inc. and the County on a pilot basis for three years.

steps). Self-guided tours are also available on the conservancy's Web site at www.laconservancy.org.

Residents can complement their walking routines by taking public transit to the gym. The Ketchum-Downtown YMCA welcomes Metro Fit enthusiasts at its location at 401 South Hope Street, which is closest to the Pershing Square Metro Red Line Station or easily accessible via "DASH" buses. New and returning exercisers find the YMCA to be an ideal exercise destination, with a supportive staff and high quality facilities. Public transit is available at many YMCA locations throughout the Los Angeles basin.

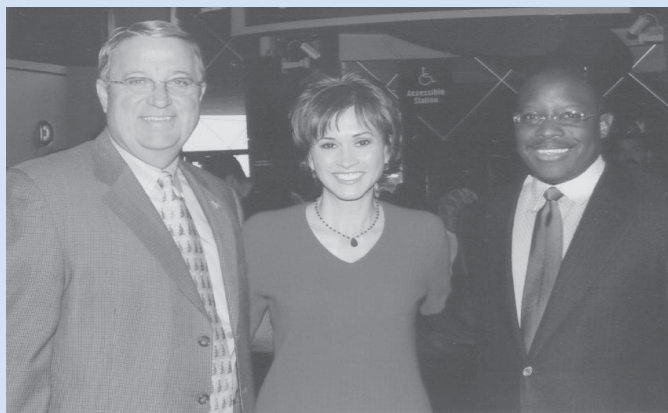
Studies reveal that Angelenos are not getting nearly enough physical exercise on a daily basis. According to a recent study by UCLA researchers, 41 percent of County residents get no more than 10 minutes of continuous exercise each week, which is lower than the 30 minutes a day, five days per week that is recommended by the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

An Atlanta survey conducted earlier last year by Georgia Tech found that how much time people spend driving has a great impact on whether they are obese. Driving time, in fact, had a greater effect on weight than gender, ethnicity, education or income. The survey found that, for every extra 30 minutes commuters drove each day, they had a three percent greater chance of being obese than their peers who drove less. The Atlanta survey is particularly relevant to Los Angeles, where most residents spend much more than half an hour per day driving.

Public transit remains a highly attractive, cost-effective alternative to driving. Metro has found that L.A. County commuters who switch from solo driving to public transportation, carpools or vanpools save more than \$4,000 per year in commuting costs. For more information on Metro Fit, visit www.metro.net/metrofit.

Supervisor Knabe Celebrates Spark of Love with Firefighters and ABC 7

To celebrate this past holiday season, Supervisor Knabe welcomed 1,300 foster youth and their foster parents at the ABC 7/Firefighters "Spark of Love" holiday party at the AMC movie theater in Norwalk.



Supervisor Knabe is pictured with Kathy Vara, co-anchor for ABC 7 Eyewitness News and Dr. David Sanders, Director, Department of Children and Family Services

The event began with staggered showings of *The Incredibles* followed by toys distributed by Supervisor Knabe and firefighters. AMC Norwalk provided a hot dog lunch for the attendees.

"Thanks to the generosity of local firefighters and ABC 7, foster children from all over Los Angeles County came together at Norwalk to enjoy a day of fun and festivities," Supervisor Knabe said. In addition to the movie screenings, Santa, Radio Disney, and Geoffrey from Toys "R" Us also attended the event.

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"We are committed to reducing the amount of residential waste disposed at landfills, as well as promoting the separation of recyclable household trash, adopting a franchise system for the hauling of residential waste, and identifying long-term solutions for the disposal of waste, such as rail haul," Supervisor Antonovich said.

The Supervisor continued, "Our Antelope Valley has a unique natural environment that deserves to be preserved and improved – not used by the City of Los Angeles as a dumping

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buy some time because of our health care reserves. But leadership is the only answer to this dilemma. I have asked Assembly Speaker Fabian Nuñez to put together a task force of legislators within our Los Angeles delegation. With the help of this group, we can begin outlining the steps necessary to reign in this potential catastrophe.

The financial challenge to meet our public safety needs is dramatic as well. We are working toward reopening our jails and maintaining appropriate standards. It will be our responsibility to ensure that our juvenile halls and camps remain open, as well as providing mental health, education, and supportive services to our probationers. Also, we will need to work with our law enforcement unions and try to reach an equitable compromise. While we need to maintain comparable salaries and will continue to work with labor organizations to maintain an appropriate standard, we must look cautiously at the future fiscal well-being of all our employees' salaries as well as pension benefits.

And finally, as we continue to pursue our agenda, we will honor our responsibilities to the Brown Act and the public. It is essential that we adhere to our commitment to open government. The public's trust in our leadership depends in large part on our functioning in a transparent manner and it is our responsibility to meet this standard. I am confident that with a renewed sense of dedication to both the spirit and the letter of the Brown Act, we will achieve this goal.

Once again, I thank my colleagues and my constituents for the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Board of Supervisors.

The 2005 Tournament of Roses Queen and Royal Court

The 2005 Tournament of Roses Queen and Royal Court met Dec. 21 with Metro, City and County officials at Pasadena's Memorial Park Metro Gold Line Station to promote Metro Bus and Rail service to the 2005 Rose Parade festivities. Metro operated trains all night New Year's Eve to allow parade goers to get an early place along the parade route. Metro offered free rides on all Metro Bus and Rail Lines New Year's Eve from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.



Pictured from left to right: John Fasana, Councilmember, City of Duarte and Metro Board Member; Gerald Francis, General Manager, Rail Operations, Metro; Metro Santa; Princesses Lisa Pallay, Jennifer Propper, Kara Murphy; Rose Queen Ashley Moreno; Princesses Allison Pedro, Alaire Hanashian, Megan Sheehan; Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich.

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Supervisor Burke recognized her family and staff, and told the audience this will be her last term in office. She said that Herb Wesson, her former Chief of Staff, is now back in her office as a Special Assistant for Special Projects. Supervisor Burke stated that she wants her legacy to include getting Martin Luther King Hospital back on its feet, increasing education, childcare facilities, in addition to park and recreation amenities in the Second District.

After the benediction by Reverend Vanessa MacKenzie of the Episcopal Church of the Advent, the guests enjoyed brunch, the event came to a close by noon.



Hundreds of guests listened attentively as Supervisor Burke outlined the goals she wants to accomplish during her last term in office.

Supervisor Knabe Distributes Toys and Bikes at Harbor Hills Housing Community

In another holiday event, Supervisor Knabe helped distribute 300 toys donated by Mattel to youth at the Harbor Hills public housing community. Student volunteers from local high schools assisted the Supervisor in distributing 150 cars to boys and 150 dolls to girls.

“The donated toys bring joy to the children of Harbor Hills for whom these toys may be the only gift they receive this holiday season,” Supervisor Knabe said.

Supervisor Knabe was joined by Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus in distributing toys to the children. In addition to the Mattel toy giveaway, general contractor Snyder Langston donated 80 bikes to both the Harbor Hills and Carmelitos housing communities which were raffled off to residents.



“The residents of Harbor Hills and Carmelitos are truly grateful for receiving these bikes during the holiday season,” Supervisor Knabe said. “We are very fortunate for the generosity of Snyder Langston.”

The bikes range from \$39 tricycles to \$215 mountain bikes which were given out to youth in each of the housing communities. A \$10-\$40 helmet was included with each bicycle. Each year, Snyder Langston staff members and volunteers work together to assemble the bikes.

Local Children Join Supervisor Antonovich at Official County Tree Lighting Ceremony

On November 30, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich officially kicked off the holiday season in Los Angeles County at a ceremony to light the Music Center’s 50 foot Christmas tree. He was joined by nearly 100 students from Castelar Elementary School who serenaded the Supervisor with several Christmas carols. The civic tradition of lighting a Christmas tree began in 1923, when President Calvin Coolidge started the national Christmas tree lighting ceremony, now held every year on the White House lawn.



Supervisor Antonovich flips the switch to light the tree as children from Castelar Elementary look on.

“Christmas and Hanukkah are times of joy . . . times for families and friends to come together and celebrate life,” Supervisor Antonovich said. “As we look at these beautiful holiday decorations, let us remember to be loving and kind towards one another. As we light the tree, the magic of this glorious season is reflected in the faces of our children.”

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ground. We must fight any effort by the City of Los Angeles to export their waste here — as they continue to close their own landfills. This would put more trash trucks on the 14 freeway creating more traffic, air pollution and safety issues. I urge my colleagues from both Lancaster and Palmdale to join me in opposing Los Angeles City’s wrong-headed scheme.”

Share It

County Employees to Aid Tsunami Victims



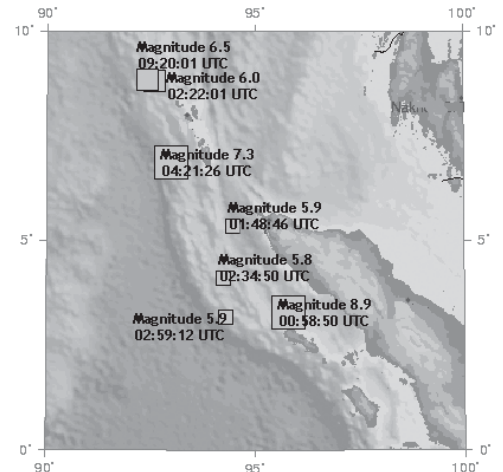
The Board of Supervisors took action on Tuesday, January 4, to assist recent victims of the tsunami in Southern Asia by establishing a **voluntary** County Employee Tsunami Relief Fund within the Workplace Programs Office of the Chief Administrative Office.

All proceeds from the campaign will be donated to the American Red Cross International Response Fund, the Salvation Army and Doctors Without Borders, as directed by the Board of Supervisors.

County employees are asked to make checks payable to the **L.A. County Volunteer Fund** and please write "Tsunami Relief" on the memo line.

Please submit donations to the CAO Workplace Programs Office, 500 W. Temple St., Suite B-1, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

For more information, please call the Workplace Programs office at (213) 974-2619.



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